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For information of Directors, Staff and Members of Co-operatives.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL

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THE LAST REPORT FROM COUNCIL

This will be the last report from the Council of the unincorporated Co-operative Federation of Victoria as at the end of June 1983, the end of our financial year, this organization will be wound up and will be replaced by the incorporated Co-operative Federation of Victoria Limited whose governing body will be a Board of Directors.

So future reports will be from Board Meetings of the Federation.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notices of the Conference with which the Annual General Meeting has been combined, for the convenience of members, indicated a nomination fee is payable as contribution towards costs.

All members should understand that the nomination fee is in respect of attendance at the Conference only and no fee is payable for attendance at the Annual General Meeting only.

The Council hopes to see all member Co-operatives represented at the Annual General Meeting and the Conference immediately following, but remember there is no charge for attendance at the Annual General Meeting.

NEW REGISTRAR TO SPEAK AT CONFERENCE

We recently reported to members of the appointment of Mr. Bill Kilpatrick as Registrar of Co-operative Societies in Victoria. We have been able

to arrange to introduce Mr. Kilpatrick to members at the 1983 Conference. He will speak for a few minutes immediately after the official opening but will be available to meet members over the period of the Conference.

New attitudes are developing in the Registry of Co-operative Societies. It would be worth your while to hear and meet the new Registrar.

CO-OPERATION AND COST SAVING - BULK FUEL PURCHASES

The response to the enquiry by the Federation on interest in better buying of fuel by development of a co-operative scheme has been encouraging.

A meeting of nominees of interested Co-operatives has been arranged in Melbourne for Tuesday 19th July and invitations to participants issued.

If you are interested in attending this meeting and have not yet advised the Co-operative Federation please do so urgently to ensure the necessary arrangements can be made.

CO-OPERATIVES IN COLLEGES

Your Executive Officer serves on the Advisory Committee comprising representatives from the Transition Programme of TAFE set up to develop a pilot programme of practical co-operatives in TAFE Colleges supported by Teacher advisory services to assist the theoretical instruction on co-operatives in TAFE Colleges.

The schedule is for the programme to be available for use at the beginning of 1984.

EMPLOYMENT CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

Ministry Employment and Training officials, Business Advisory Unit and Education and Training Unit members have had several meetings to discuss matters believed to be contained in the report prepared by the team appointed by the Ministry to evaluate the programme to date. Pending release of the report, decisions on the recommendations contained in it, it is anticipated that funding will be continued for a two month period in the new financial year.

61ST INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE DAY

Saturday 2nd July 1983 has been designated International Co-operative Day, and the message from the International Co-operative Alliance headquarters in Geneva places special emphasis on the I.C.A. policy for co-operative development.

This policy has as its objective:

1. The establishment and growth of independent democratic and viable co-operatives contributing to the economic growth and social equity in their communities.
2. Strengthening collaboration between co-operatives of various types and in different countries.
3. Stimulate growth of a favourable atmosphere for co-operation, promote the enactment of appropriate legislation and enlist the support of governments in co-operation development.

Affiliated organizations of the I.C.A. have in membership 360 million people in 64 different countries.

30th June, 1983.